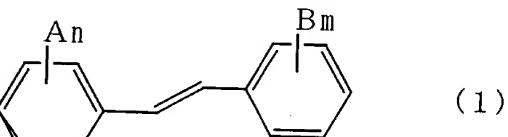


~~CLAIMS~~ WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

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1. A composition for preventing or treating diseases accompanied by a decrease in bone weight, the composition containing, as an active component, at least one member
5 selected from a compound represented by formula (1)



wherein A and B are the same or different and each represents a halogen atom, an amino group, an amidino group, an anilinoamide group, a mercapto group, a sulfonic acid group, a phosphate group, a carboxy group, a hydroxy C₁ to C₅ alkyl group, a sugar residue, -OR¹ (R¹ represents a hydrogen atom, a C₁ to C₅ alkyl group, a hydroxy C₁ to C₅ alkyl group or a C₂ to C₅ alkenyl group.) or -OCOR² (R² represents a C₁ to C₅ alkyl group, a hydroxy C₁ to C₅ alkyl group or a C₂ to C₅ alkenyl group.)
10 n and m are the same or different and each is an integer from 0 to 5. There are n A's and m B's each of which may be the same or different and its multimers.
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2. The composition according to claim 1 which is a pharmaceutical composition.
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3. The composition according to claim 1 which is a food composition.

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4. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the disease accompanied by a decrease in bone weight is any of climacteric diseases and post-climacteric diseases.

5. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the disease accompanied by a decrease in bone weight is osteoporosis.

6. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the disease accompanied by a decrease in bone weight is diseases accompanied by resorption of alveolar bone.

7. The composition according to claim 6 which is an oral composition.

8. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the compound represented by formula (1) and its multimers are derived from one or more members selected from the group consisting of plants of the Polygonaceae family, plants of the Vitaceae family, white hellebore (Veratrum album), mulberry and peanut.

9. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the compound represented by formula (1) has substituents at least positions 3, 5 and 4', the substituents being the same or different and any of a hydroxyl group, a sugar residue and -OCOR² [R² is as defined in the above].

10. The composition according to claim 1 which further contains one or more members selected from the group consisting of vitamin C, vitamin D, vitamin K, related

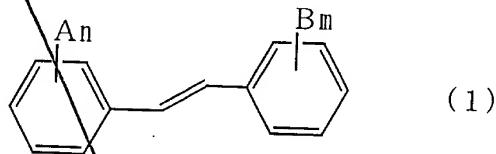
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compounds thereof, calcium and magnesium.

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11. A method for preventing or treating diseases accompanied by a decrease in bone weight by taking or administrating an effective amount of at least one member
5 selected from the compound represented (by formula (1)) and ^{of cm¹} its multimers.

12. A preventive or therapeutic composition for hypertension and diseases resulting from hypertension, the composition containing, as an active component, at least
10 one member selected from the compound represented by formula (1)



[wherein A and B are the same or different, and each represents a halogen atom, an amino group, an amidino group,
15 an anilinoamide group, a mercapto group, a sulfonic acid group, a phosphate group, a carboxy group, a hydroxy C₁ to C₅ alkyl group, a sugar residue, -OR¹ (R¹ represents a hydrogen atom, a C₁ to C₅ alkyl group, a hydroxy C₁ to C₅ alkyl group or C₂ to C₅ alkenyl group.) or -OCOR² (R²
20 represents a C₁ to C₅ alkyl group, a hydroxy C₁ to C₅ alkyl group, a C₂ to C₅ alkenyl group.)]
n and m are the same or different and each is an integer

from 0 to 50. There are n A's and m B's each of which may be the same or different [] and its multimers.

13. The composition according to claim 12 which is a pharmaceutical composition.
- 5 14. The composition according to claim 12 which is a food composition.
15. The composition according to claim 12, wherein the hypertension and diseases resulting from hypertension are climacteric and post-climacteric diseases.
- 10 16. (amended) The composition according to claim 12, wherein the diseases resulting from hypertension is any of arteriosclerosis, ischemic heart disease and cerebral apoplexy.
17. The composition according to claim 12, wherein the compound represented by formula (1) and its multimers are derived from one or more plants selected from the group consisting of the plants of the Polygonaceae family, plants of the Vitaceae family, white hellebore (Veratrum album), mulberry and peanut.
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- 15 20 18. The composition according to claim 12, wherein the compound represented by formula (1) has substituents at at least positions 3, 5 and 4', the substituents being the same or different and any of a hydroxyl group, a sugar residue and -OCOR² [R² is as defined in the above.].
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